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1. DURING AUG. 1 CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, EGYPTIAN
EMBASSY COUNSELOR FAROUK SHELBAYA MADE TWO POINTS WITH
REGARD TO POSSIBLE GROMYKO VISIT TO CAIRO (REFTELS:)

(A) EGYPTIAN EMBASSY WAS UNAWARE OF ANY DISCUSSION OF
DEFINITE DATES FOR GROMYKO VISIT TO CAIRO FOR TALKS

ON BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP. INDEED BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP WAS AT STANDSTILL AFTER TENTATIVE PROGRESS MADE DURING FAHMI VISIT TO MOSCOW IN JUNE; (B) SOVIET SOURCE HAD TOLD EGYPTIANS THAT MOSCOW WOULD DECIDE ON POSSIBLE GROMYKO VISIT TO MAJOR ME CAPITALS (INCLUDING CAIRO) FOR PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ME SITUATION AFTER GROMYKO-VANCE CONSULTATIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

2. COMMENT: DUE TO POLITICAL REPERCUSSIONS OF EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN HOSTILITIES, A GROMYKO TRIP TO CAIRO WITH PRIMARY GOAL OF IMPROVEMENT OF SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE. ADDITIONAL FACTOR WEIGHING AGAINST LIKELIHOOD OF GROMYKO TRIP TO CAIRO IN NEXT FEW WEEKS IS PLANNED TITO STAY IN SOVIET UNION AUG. 16-24. WE DOUBT GROMYKO WOULD LEAVE DURING MOSCOW PORTION OF THIS IMPORTANT VISIT. HOWEVER, AS SUGGESTED BY SOVIET SOURCE TO EGYPTIAN EMBASSY, A LATER CAIRO VISIT IN CONTEXT OF GENERAL ME CONSULTATIONS HAS PLAUSIBILITY.
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